

CPP ANNUAL USE OF CAPITAL SURVEY - 2011



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(Include Holding Company Where Applicable)

GATEWAY BANCSHARES, INC.

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¹If repayment was incremental, please enter the most recent repayment date.

American taxpayers are quite interested in knowing how banks have used the money that Treasury has invested under the Capital Purchase Program (CPP) and Community Development Capital Initiative (CDCI). To answer that question, Treasury is seeking responses that describe generally how the CPP/CDCI investment has affected the operation of your business. We understand that once received, the cash associated with TARP funding is indistinguishable from other cash sources, unless the funds were segregated, and therefore it may not be feasible to identify precisely how the CPP/CDCI investment was deployed or how many CPP/CDCI dollars were allocated to each use. Nevertheless, we ask you to provide as much information as you can about how you have used the capital Treasury has provided, and how your uses of that capital have changed over time. Treasury will be pairing this survey with a summary of certain balance sheet and other financial data from your institution's regulatory filings, so to the extent you find it helpful to do so, please feel free to refer to your institution's quarterly call reports to illustrate your answers. This is your opportunity to speak to the taxpayers in your own words, which will be posted on our website.

What specific ways did your institution utilize CPP/CDCI capital? Check all that apply and elaborate as appropriate, especially if the uses have shifted over time. Your responses should reflect actions taken over the past year (or for the portion of the year in which CPP/CDCI funds were outstanding).

☒ **Increase lending or reduce lending less than otherwise would have occurred.**

Total gross loans decreased from January 2011 to December 2011 by \$33.1 million. However, net loan charge offs were \$6.3 million during the same time period. The decrease was mainly due to commercial loans and commercial real estate loans being paid off or refinanced at other banks.

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☐ To the extent the funds supported increased lending, please describe the major type of loans, if possible (residential mortgage loans, commercial mortgage loans, small business loans, etc.).

☒ **Increase securities purchased (ABS, MBS, etc.).**

In part due to the decline in commercial loans and increased cash, net securities increased during 2011 in the amount of \$3.6 million with an increase in the Mortgage Backed Securities sector of \$12.1 million.

☐ **Make other investments.**

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☒ **Increase reserves for non-performing assets.**

An additional \$4.9 million was reserved in 2011 for non-performing loans.

☐ **Reduce borrowings.**

☒ **Increase charge-offs.**

Net loan charge-offs remained elevated above the normal level in 2011 at \$6.3 million versus \$2.9 million in 2010.

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☐ Purchase another financial institution or purchase assets from another financial institution.

☐ Held as non-leveraged increase to total capital.

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What actions were you able to avoid because of the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds?

The CPP funds helped the Bank to remain "well-capitalized" by regulatory standards in a time when net charge offs and non-performing loans still remain elevated. Several restrictions can be imposed upon a bank when they are not considered "well-capitalized" including regulatory orders, deposit rate caps, and the inability to invest in broker deposits to help the funding side of the Bank. The CPP funds has helped the Bank to avoid these scenarios as of the end of 2011.

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What actions were you able to take that you may not have taken without the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds?

The Bank was still able to increase the investments in mortgage backed securities by \$12.1 million and fund the reserve with \$6.3 million during 2011. These decisions may not have been possible if the Bank did not maintain the appropriate capital.

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Please describe any other actions that you were able to undertake with the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds.

The CPP funds are expected to be paid in full on April 12th, 2012. Gateway Bancshares, Inc. has entered into a merger agreement with First Volunteer Corporation that is estimated to be closed on April 16, 2012. The shareholders approved the transaction in February 2012 and the Federal Reserve approved in March 2012.